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SUBJECT: GATT ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS--NEW ZEALAND

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1. BEFORE REPEATING TO NEW ZEALAND MISSION U. S. REQUEST TO SEE RELEVANT PORTION NEW DRAFT N.Z SCHEDULE, WE ASKED LINDEN OF GATT SECRETARIAT WHETHER WE COULD TELL N.Z. THIS WOULD BE NORMAL GATT PRACTICE. LINDEN SAID IT NOT NORMAL PROCEDURE TO ASK COUNTRY PROPOSING MODIFY TARIFFS TO SUBMIT PORTION OF ACTUAL NEW DRAFT SCHEDULE. HOWEVER, HE SHARED U. S. VIEW THAT GATT/SECRET 220 NOTIFICATION BY NEW ZEALAND IS NOT CLEAR. IN FACT, LINDEN SUGGESTED NEW ZEALAND RE-DO ENTIRE NOTIFICATION. HE SAID NOTIFICATIONS ARE SUPPOSED TO GIVE FULL COMMODITY DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS TO BE MODIFIED AND CLEAR PRESENTATION OF HOW OLD ITEMS RELATE TO NEW ONES BEING ESTABLISHED. SAID THIS NOTIFICATION SHOULD ALSO GIVE PRECISE REFERENCE TO EACH TARIFF CEILING LIMIT ON MINISTERIAL DISCRETION ITEMS.

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2. FALCONER HAS AGREED RE-DRAFT NOTIFICATION. WE EMPHASIZED TO FALCONER THE U. S. NEED FOR PRECISE, NOT IMPLICIT, REFERENCE TO LIMITATION ON TARIFFS WITHIN EXISTING BINDINGS, AS WELL AS CLEAR DESCRIPTION OF HOW PRODUCT COVERAGE IN NEW ITEMS RELATES TO OLD ITEMS. FALCONER HAS AGREED TO PASS US COPY OF HIS NEW DRAFT BEFORE SUBMITTING IT TO BE CIRCULATED IN ORDER BE CERTAIN ALL WASHINGTON QUESTIONS ARE FULLY SATISFIED. WILL FORWARD DRAFT WHEN RECEIVED. DALE

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